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Re: Application of: **CORDTS et al.**
Serial No.: 10/620,482
Filed: 07/16/2003
For: **COUPLING**
Examiner: BINDA Art Unit: 3679

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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December 9, 2004

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith some or all may not qualify as prior art under the U.S. patent laws. Also respectfully submitted herewith is a copy of the European Search Report for EP 03 01 4828 together with a brief English language translation.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(2).

Herewith respectfully submitted is a check in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p).

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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